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Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal
Kamm Avenue Pistachio Processing Plant Project
SCH# 2020090207
Fresno County

Dear Mr. Randall:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal for the Kamm Avenue Pistachio Processing Plant Project, which describes the proposed construction of a pistachio processing facility. The project includes construction of two 50-acre-foot process water settling and cleaning ponds located along the southern border of the site.

Insufficient information is provided in the project description to make an accurate jurisdictional determination with regards to the ponds and it is unclear whether some or all the work will be subject to State jurisdiction for dam safety. Therefore, Fresno County needs to submit preliminary plans of the proposed ponds so that DSOD can make a jurisdictional determination.

As defined in Sections 6002 and 6003, Division 3, of the California Water Code, dams 25 feet or higher with a storage capacity of more than 15 acre-feet, and dams higher than 6 feet with a storage capacity of 50 acre-feet or more are subject to State jurisdiction. The dam height is the vertical distance measured from the maximum possible water storage level to the downstream toe of the barrier.

If the dam is subject to State jurisdiction, a construction application, together with plans, specifications, and the appropriate filing fee must be filed with DSOD for this project. All dam safety related issues must be resolved prior to approval of the application, and the work must be performed under the direction of a Civil Engineer registered in California. Erik Malvick, our Design Engineering Branch Chief, is responsible for the application process and can be reached at (916) 565-7840.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Area Engineer Cameron Lancaster at (916) 565-7830 or me at (916) 565-7827.

Sincerely,

Rich Draeger

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cc: (See Attached List.)

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